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## **Gender Based Violence and Femicide(GBVF) Action Plan**

### **INTRODUCTION**

The GBVF action plan is informed by the Multi-Party Women's Caucus(MPWC) identification of Gender Based Violence and Femicide(GBVF) as a priority focus area, as well as the following:

- Expressed need for the MPWC to be a social activism based structure that empowers women at all levels,
- Expressed need for the MPWC to conduct oversight and check on progress in relation to reports by various departments on implementation of the Pillars of the National Strategic Plan on GBVF(NSP-GBVF).

The recent assent of GBVF laws has further encouraged the MPWC to resolve to embark on initiatives in all provinces to empower communities about these laws.

### **PROPOSED PLAN OF ACTION**

#### **Focus areas**

The GBVF action plan to focus on two areas by combining empowerment (awareness raising) on GBVF legislation and oversight as follows:

- **Focus Area 01:** Empowering communities about gender based violence and femicide laws.
- **Focus Area 02:** Oversight on implementation of pillars of NSP- GBVF, as reported on by various Departments.

#### **Engagements before conducting visits**

Acknowledging the importance of partnering with key stakeholders in various provinces as well as being fully prepared prior conducting provincial visits, the Multi Party Women's Caucuses will:

- Engage the Department of Justice and Correctional Services on readiness to implement the recently assented GBVF laws as well as date of commencement of these laws.
- Engage with Provincial Legislatures and Municipal Councils Women's Caucuses about identification of communities and available relevant stakeholders for the planned initiatives. Relevant stakeholders to include civil society organisations (including men's formations, organisations for persons with disabilities and LGBTQIA+), tertiary institutions, traditional leaders, religious bodies, and any other available relevant stakeholder in selected areas. Provincial Legislatures and Municipal Councils Women's Caucuses will assist in planning and implementation of this GBVF Action Plan.

#### **GBVF action plan Time frames**

Proposed engagement	Purpose of session	Proposed time frame
Department of Justice and Correctional services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To check readiness to implement the recently assented GBVF laws.</li> <li>• To requests provincial departmental representatives to be part of the planned empowerment sessions.</li> </ul>	April- June 2022
Multi- Party Women’s Caucuses: Provincial Legislatures and Local Government.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To identify communities to be targeted for the planned initiatives.</li> <li>• To collaborate and partner during implementation of planned outreach and oversight activities.</li> </ul>	April- June 2022
Eastern Cape	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To conduct empowerment session on GBVF laws.</li> <li>• To conduct oversight on:</li> <li>• South African Police Services (SAPS): Availability of rape kits, taking of Buccal samples for all arrested for schedule 08 offenses, DNA backlogs.</li> <li>• Department of Social Development(DOSD): Victim shelters.</li> <li>• Department of Justice and Correctional Services (DoJ&amp; CS): Sexual offences courts, domestic violence and maintenance related issues.</li> <li>• National Prosecuting Authority(NPA): Thuthuzela Care Centres(TCCs).</li> </ul>	July- Sept 2022

Free State	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To conduct empowerment session on GBVF laws.</li> <li>• To conduct oversight on:</li> <li>• SAPS: Availability of rape kits, taking of Buccal samples for all arrested for schedule 08 offenses, DNA backlogs.</li> <li>• DOSD: Victim shelters.</li> <li>• DoJ&amp; CS: Sexual offences courts, domestic violence and maintenance related issues.</li> <li>• NPA: Thuthuzela Care Centres(TCCs).</li> </ul>	July- Sept 2022
Gauteng	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To conduct empowerment session on GBVF laws.</li> <li>• To conduct oversight on:</li> <li>• SAPS: Availability of rape kits, taking of Buccal samples for all arrested for schedule 08 offenses, DNA backlogs.</li> <li>• DOSD: Victim shelters.</li> <li>• DoJ&amp; CS: Sexual offences courts, domestic violence and maintenance related issues.</li> <li>• NPA: Thuthuzela Care Centres(TCCs).</li> </ul>	July-Sept 2022

KwaZulu Natal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To conduct empowerment session on GBVF laws.</li> <li>• To conduct oversight on:</li> <li>• SAPS: Availability of rape kits, taking of Buccal samples for all arrested for schedule 08 offenses, DNA backlogs.</li> <li>• DOSD: Victim shelters.</li> <li>• DoJ&amp; CS: Sexual offences courts, domestic violence and maintenance related issues.</li> <li>• NPA: Thuthuzela Care Centres(TCCs).</li> </ul>	October- Dec 2022
Limpopo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To conduct empowerment session on GBVF laws</li> <li>• To conduct oversight on:</li> <li>• SAPS: Availability of rape kits, taking of Buccal samples for all arrested for schedule 08 offenses, DNA backlogs.</li> <li>• DOSD: Victim shelters.</li> <li>• DoJ&amp; CS: Sexual offences courts, domestic violence and maintenance related issues.</li> <li>• NPA: Thuthuzela Care Centres(TCCs).</li> </ul>	October- Dec 2022

Mpumalanga	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To conduct empowerment session on GBVF laws</li> <li>• To conduct oversight on:</li> <li>• SAPS: Availability of rape kits, taking of Buccal samples for all arrested for schedule 08 offenses, DNA backlogs.</li> <li>• DOSD: Victim shelters.</li> <li>• DoJ&amp; CS: Sexual offences courts, domestic violence and maintenance related issues.</li> <li>• NPA: Thuthuzela Care Centres(TCCs).</li> </ul>	October- Dec 2022
North West	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To conduct empowerment session on GBVF laws</li> <li>• To conduct oversight on:</li> <li>• SAPS: Availability of rape kits, taking of Buccal samples for all arrested for schedule 08 offenses, DNA backlogs.</li> <li>• DOSD: Victim shelters.</li> <li>• DoJ&amp; CS: Sexual offences courts, domestic violence and maintenance related issues.</li> <li>• NPA: Thuthuzela Care Centres(TCCs).</li> </ul>	Jan- March 2023

Northern Cape	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To conduct empowerment session on GBVF laws</li> <li>• To conduct oversight on:</li> <li>• SAPS: Availability of rape kits, taking of Buccal samples for all arrested for schedule 08 offenses, DNA backlogs.</li> <li>• DOSD: Victim shelters.</li> <li>• DoJ &amp; CS: Sexual offences courts, domestic violence and maintenance related issues.</li> <li>• NPA: Thuthuzela Care Centres(TCCs).</li> </ul>	Jan-March 2023
Western Cape	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To conduct empowerment session on GBVF laws.</li> <li>• To conduct oversight on:</li> <li>• SAPS: Availability of rape kits, taking of Buccal samples for all arrested for schedule 08 offenses, DNA backlogs.</li> <li>• DOSD: Victim shelters.</li> <li>• DoJ &amp; CS: Sexual offences courts, domestic violence and maintenance related issues.</li> <li>• NPA: Thuthuzela Care Centres(TCCs).</li> </ul>	Jan-March 2023

- **CONCLUSION**

The National Multi-Party Women’s Caucus, Provincial Legislature Women’s Caucus and Municipal Councils Women’s Caucus will after each provincial visit, deliberate on issues that came to the fore, and identify programmes to advocate for, in order to ensure practical solutions, and positive and lasting impact on communities.

